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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 20, 2003, in which the three month shortened statutory period for responding thereto runs to September 22, 2003 (September 20, 2003 being a Saturday), but in which a response is being filed by the two month response date of August 20, 2003, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper;

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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